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Mr. Wilson Stuart and Mr. Dockrell.

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TO THE

CHAIRMAN, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

HUNTINGDONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my twenty-eighth Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the County of Huntingdon for the year 1938, compiled from information obtained by the Staff of the County Health Office, and from various Reports submitted by the Medical Officers of Health of the several Sanitary Authorities within the County. It is arranged in accordance with the memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Health showing the various services under separate headings.

The birth-rate is 15.2 as compared with 14.7 in 1937 and the death rate is 12.1 as compared with 13.4 in 1937. The Infant Mortality rate is 46.2 as against 46.9 in 1937.

With regard to Infectious Diseases, there is a considerable diminution in the number of cases of Diphtheria as compared with the year before, there being only 20 cases as against 101 in 1937. On the other hand the number of cases of Scarlet Fever rose from 48 to 94, of which 73 were removed to Hospital. The total number of cases of Pneumonia was 75 with 32 deaths. In view of the introduction of a form of treatment which might be described as almost specific, it is hoped to see a very great improvement in the death rate of Pneumonia in the future. There is not much change in Tuberculosis, and the number of cases in the County is not tending to rise.

One-hundred-and-four people died from Cancer, and it must be emphsised once more that this high death rate can be very considerably reduced if all persons who suspect that they have something the matter with them, not necessarily known to be Cancer, would seek early advice and not wait until it is too late for anything to be done.

The bacteriological and chemical examination of Public Water Supplies was a matter which the Council considered at great length. The Local Authorities were asked to join in a scheme by which water might be examined at frequent intervals. A considerable amount of agreement was reached, but by the end of the year matters had not progressed sufficiently to bring the scheme into operation.

The question of immunisation against Diphtheria was also under consideration and a letter was sent to the District Medical Officers of Health pointing out the advantages to be gained by effecting immunisation.

The Clinic at Huntingdon was established on the ground floor of Castle Hill House and functioned satisfactorily during the year.

Midwifery has proceeded on normal lines and the Report of the County Nursing Association shows satisfactory progress.

The dental service to nursing and expectant mothers has been increased.

Sampling under the Food and Drugs Acts has continued and more attention has been paid to milk. It has been observed that a very large number of samples of milk showed a cream content considerably below the legal limit, which in itself is low enough. There has been little evidence of the wilful addition of water but one cannot help but feel that the policy of the Milk Marketing Board to pay on quantity irrespective of quality has had a very serious effect upon the standard of milk.

The Accredited Milk Scheme is practically stationary.

The operation under the Housing Acts is slow. In the last Report the table showed the number of houses dealt with in the several preceding years up to date, whereas this year's table shows the work done in one year, 1938. It does not appear to be very satisfactory. It is well known that there are many houses both in the Urban and Rural Districts which should be demolished. Only two houses were demolished during the year, and 20 houses

were re-conditioned under Section 51 of the Housing Acts, but a number of houses were also re-conditioned by the County Council under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

At the October meeting of the Public Health Committee it was recommended that Dr. David S. Buchanan be appointed as Medical Officer of Health for the Districts of Old Fletton, Norman Cross, Ramsey, and Godmanchester, and as Assistant Medical Officer of the County Council. Dr. Buchanan will come into residence on 1st January, 1939.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. Moss-Blundell,

County Medical Officer.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Small Pox. The County Council has taken over the house reserved for Small Pox at Stonely for the use of the whole County. This would not be adequate in the event of an epidemic, nor could any County the size of Huntingdonshire be expected to maintain an Institution sufficiently large. The only possible solution is that the various Counties combine to provide an adequate number of beds in one place, relying on the fact that a Small Pox epidemic is not likely to arise in more than one area at the same time.

Tuberculosis. Arrangements with Papworth Colony and other Institutions for Adults.

NON-PULMONARY—Beds have to be secured outside, chiefly at Manfield Hospital.

Children. Children's Wards at Huntingdon General Hospital a voluntary Institution.

Orthopaedic. Arrangements with Manfield Hospital, Northampton and their special Clinic at Peterborough. Clinics at Huntingdon and St. Ives.

Mental Treatment. Arrangements have been made through the Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey, for voluntary and temporary patients to be received.

Other. Nil.

No Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Children or Homeless Children.

Ambulance Facilities. The County Council have an ambulance in Huntingdon suitable for recumbent cases. They also have a large touring saloon suitable for sitting cases. The Huntingdonshire County Council Ambulance cannot in the ordinary way go outside the County on long journeys in case an emergency

case arose during its absence. The Brick Company has an ambulance and trained personnel, but this is for the use of their employees and their families. Another ambulance is required to be stationed in the north of the County.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Maternity and Child Welfare — Centres at Fletton, Staughton, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Ramsey, St. Ives, and St. Neots. School Clinics—Huntingdon, Old Fletton, Ramsey, St. Ives and St. Neots. Tuberculosis Dispensary—Huntingdon and Fletton. Venereal Disease—Peterborough and Addenbroke's Hospital, Cambridge, There are two Clinics at Fletton—Maternity and Child Welfare Voluntary Clinic, and one held at Council Office, High Street, Old Fletton, provided by the Hunts. County Council. The Clinics at Huntingdon are also provided by the Hunts. County Council.

Infectious Diseases. There are no arrangements for nursing in the homes.

Maternity and Nursing Homes. There are two Institutions registered :—the County Hospital and one Private Nursing Home supervised ; no other applications have been received for registration. All cases of maternal deaths are investigated.

Legislation in Force. There are no adoptive Acts in force in the County, although one or two sections of the Acts have been adopted.

Other Sanitary Conditions.

Schools. The water supply of schools is similar to that of the area in which they are situate. The Report of the Health of the scholars is included in the Report of the Education Committee of the School Medical Officer. Prevention of spread of Infectious disease is in keeping with the Board of Education's Memoranda.

Health Education. Certain pamphlets are issued with regard to Infectious Diseases such as Whooping Cough, Measles, etc., and the Medical Officers from time to time talk on matters of health at the meetings of the Women's Institutes.

Rag Flock Acts. Not applicable to this County.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food. There is no laboratory for the examination of food in the County, but samples are analysed at Cambridge and Peterborough.

No special investigation of Cancer has been conducted.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. No action taken.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62. No action taken.

POPULATION.

The figures for deaths, births and population have been supplied by the Registrar General and are those on which this Report must be framed, and are as follows :—

Urban Districts	26330
Rural Districts	30230
Administrative County	56560

BIRTH-RATE.

The total number of births registered was 864 with a birth-rate of 15.2 compared with 14.7 in 1937 and 14.1 in 1936.

The number of legitimate and illegitimate births and deaths is shewn in the table appended.

Districts.	Nett Births.		Nett Deaths.	
	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Legitimate	Illegitimate
Urban—				
Godmanchester	38	5	.....	1
Huntingdon	50	4	3	.....
Old Fletton	110	7	4	.....
Ramsey	112	5	10	1
St. Ives	38	6	.....	.....
St. Neots	40	4	1	1
	388	31	18	3
Rural—				
Huntingdon	94	6	3	.....
St. Ives	115	5	7	.....
St. Neots	73	3	.....	.....
Norman Cross	143	6	9	.....
	425	20	19	.....
Total of whole County	813	51	37	3

The ratio of illegitimate to total births is 62.7 per 1,000. In 1937 the ratio was 61.3 and in 1914 was 53 per 1,000.

	Total	M.	F.	
Births—Legitimate	813	402	411	Birth-rate
Illegitimate	51	21	30	15.2
Deaths—	690	350	340	Death-rate 12.1

Number of women dying in, or consequence of child-birth—
From Sepsis — From other causes 2

Deaths of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births
Legitimate 45.5. Illegitimate 58.8. Total 46.2

Number of Still births in the year—Males 20
Females 23 Total 43

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ..... —

Deaths from Whooping Cough 1

Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) —

DEATH-RATE.

There were 690 deaths altogether registered belonging to the County. This number included those deaths which took place outside the County, and excludes "non-resident" i.e., those which took place in the County of persons not belonging to the District.

The death-rate was 12.1 per 1,000 as against 13.4 for 1937.

In the Urban Districts 303 deaths were registered with a death-rate of 11.6 per 1,000, and in the Rural Districts 387 deaths were registered making a death-rate of 12.8 per 1,000.

The principal causes of death are shown in Table III.

The following Table shows a comparison of the County with the rest of England and Wales :—

	Estimated Population	Birth-rate	Death-rate	Infants Mortality
Huntingdonshire	56560	15.2	12.1	46.2
England and Wales		15.1	11.6	53

The Infant Mortality Rate means the number of children who die under the age of one year in proportion to one thousand births.

In 1938 there were 40 infants deaths and in 1937 the number was 39 making a rate of Infant Mortality per 1,000 births 46.2 as against 46.9 in 1937.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Details are found in Tables I I and I Ia.

20 cases of Diphtheria as against 101 cases in 1937.

Scarlet Fever. 94 cases against 48 in 1937.

Pneumonia. There were 75 notified cases in the whole County as against 92 notified in 1937.

ADMINISTRATION OF PART 1 OF THE CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

No. of persons receiving children for reward on the Register at end of the year	28
No. of children on the Register at the end of the year	44
No. of visits to homes by Health Visitors	160

MIDWIVES ACT.

During the year 1938 the inspection was continued by the County Medical Officer of Health and County Superintendent.

Thirty-eight midwives notified their intention to practice in the area during the year, thirty one being still in practice at the end of the year.

Thirty-three midwives worked in connection with the Nursing Associations, two were in private practice and three were midwives in the Public Assistance Institutions.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Two-hundred and twenty-five Maternity and Child Welfare notices were received from midwives under the Regulations of the Central Midwives Board, as having sent for medical help.

The following is a summary of other notifications received from midwives :—

Laying out dead body	11
Notice of death of mother or child	8
Artificial feeding	20
Liability to be a source of infection	21
Stillbirths	7

Eleven cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were notified and two cases of Puerperal Pyrexia were admitted to Hospital.

The sum of £215 4s. 6d. was incurred in respect of fees to medical practitioners summoned to the aid of midwives in necessitous cases.

The sum of £169 9s. 0d. was incurred in respect of fees to medical practitioners for making Ante-Natal Examinations, and the sum of £79 9s. 0d. for Post-Natal Examinations.

Number of visits paid during year by all Health Visitors :—

To expectant mothers	1st Visits	596
	Total Visits	5697
To children under 1 year	1st Visits	951
	Total Visits	7109
To children between the ages of 1—5 years	Total Visits	9629

VACCINATION.

Year ended December, 31st, 1937.

	Total
Successful Vaccination	185
Certificate of Insusceptibility	2
Statutory Declarations of Conscientious Objection	599
Died Un-vaccinated	23
Postponed by Medical Certificate	2
Removed	7
Not found : in abeyance	8

VENEREAL DISEASES.

The following table shows the details of the Hunts. cases treated for Venereal Diseases at the Clinics at Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough :—

Total new Cases attending for Consultation	Syphilis	New cases of Soft Chancre	Gonorrhoea	Non-Venereal Conditions	Total Out-Patients Attendances	Total In-Patient Days
Cambridge Clinic	.....	.....	5	13	295	79
Peterborough Clinic	12	1	12	21	1267	.....
Bedford Clinic	.....	.....	1	.....	114	.....

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATIONS existing in 1938.

Fletton and District, Huntingdon and District, St. Ives and District, St. Neots and District, Great Gransden and District, Somersham and District, Elton and District, Hemingford Grey and Abbots, Houghton and District, Sawtry and District, Stibbington and District, Great Staughton and Perry, Ramsey and District, Warboys and District, Buckden and District, Brampton and District, Yaxley and District, Bluntisham, Mid-Hunts., South Hunts., North Hunts. Nursing Association, and Wistow Nursing Association.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

All centres are well attended—most mothers making real use of the Centres by attending very regularly.

There was a great increase of attendances at all Clinics except one, which remained virtually the same, i.e., St. Neots.

It is impossible for a Medical Officer to pay adequate attention to more than twenty babies in one afternoon session, but at times this has to be done. For this reason it is essential that skilled nursing help should be available so that the more pressing cases may be seen in rotation. New cases should always be seen on their first attendance as should those who are under active treatment.

As the Clinics are at present held once a month it will be necessary to increase the number of sessions to meet the growing demand. The Huntingdon Clinic as already become unwieldy and has been divided into two sessions. As a matter of convenience the Huntingdon and Hartford babies are seen on one day and the Godmanchester, Brampton and Buckden on another day.

The Great Staughton premises have been enlarged and modernised to meet the demands made upon them.

The Schoolroom at St. Neots in which the Clinic is held is too small, so it will be necessary to hold two sessions as the number attending cannot be accommodated in the present room.

Welfare Centres	7
First attended during year :—	
Total number of attendances under 1 year	330
Between 1 and 5	142
Total number of Children under 5 :—	
Under 1 year	259
Over 1 year	498

County Superintendent's Report.

On March 31st there were 19 Associations employing 26 Nurse Midwives, and in addition, 2 Relief Nurses of the County Association, i.e. :—

Queen s Nurses	4
State Registered Nurses	7
District Nurse Midwives	16
Nurse not a Midwife	1

Eleven nurses were sent for a one month's Post Certificate Course at the City of London Maternity Hospital during the year.

New Appointments	4
Resignations	3

An extra Relief Nurse was employed by the County Association to help mostly in the Huntingdon, Godmanchester and Brampton Group. This Nurse has also been most useful in helping other Associations in emergency.

Summary of Nurses Work.

Midwifery Cases	456
Maternity Cases	367
General Cases	2427
No. of Nursing Visits paid	48875
Ante-natal Visits	5969
Child Welfare—1st year	7110
,, 1 to 5 years	9629

HUNTINGDONSHIRE COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION.

From the County Nursing Association Report the following matters are of interest :—

A system of pool insurance for the Nurses cars has been inaugurated in which all the cars are insured by one Company in what is known as the Pool. By this means the cost of insurance has been very considerably reduced.

The telephone charges show that all Nurses are on the telephone, and increases in salaries of the Nurses bring the income of the District Nurse up to a sum which permits her to have a home of her own with assistance in the house so that she may devote her time to her professional work and not have to look after her home as heretofore. This should also insure that there is somebody to answer the telephone at all times.

MANFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL. The Superintendent reports as follows :—

I append details of figures for orthopaedic work during 1938.

Mr. Dockerell informs me that he has no criticisms or suggestions to make about the clinics. The work went smoothly during the year, and so far as he is concerned the present arrangements are satisfactory.

	Attendances during 1938	No. of patients attending during 1938.
Tuberculosis	75	24
Maternity and Child Welfare	217	55
Public Health	237	99
Public Assistance	1	1

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

Mr. Avison, the Food and Drugs Inspector, reports as follows :

The milk supply continues to receive special attention. The freezing point test in addition to assisting in the detection of added water protects the producer in cases where the milk yield is abnormal. "Appeal to Cow" samples have shown that the milk was sold in approximately the same condition as it came from the cow, and that, although there had been a deficiency of fat in the original sample, there had been no abstraction of fat by the vendor. (D.57 and D.62 is a case in point). A milkseller was fined £5 for obstruction. He threw a can of milk over the road to avoid the taking of a sample.

In the case of C37 a prosecution could be sustained under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for a misleading label ; under the old Act there was no such provision and the charge of "false description" was ruled out. There are many foodstuff labels which are calculated to mislead and yet could not be held to be false in a Court of law.

C.12. Dried Apricots are allowed to contain 2,000 parts per million of preservative.

C.38. It is hard to understand why genuine cocoa is not used instead of a chemical substitute. Perhaps it is the desire to produce a more highly coloured article.

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

TABLE OF ARTICLES SAMPLED DURING THE YEAR 1938.

Name or description of Article	Number of Samples taken.			No. of Samples of each Article regarded as Adulterated, below standard, or otherwise not complying with prescribed requirements.		
	Formally	Informally	Total	Formally	Informally	Total
Milk	110	13	123	18	2	20
Beverage	3	1	4	.....	.....	.....
Coffee	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Cream	3	5	8	1	1	2
Chocolate Cake	4	.....	4	1	.....	1
Sweets	2	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Distilled Water	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Corned Beef	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Dried Apricots	3	1	4	1	1	2
Tinned Fish	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Essence of Almonds	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Zinc Ointment	1	1	2	.....	1	1
Sulphur Ointment	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Boracic Ointment	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Ice Cream	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Cream Pat	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Butter	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Milk and Cream Cheese	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Whisky	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Sugar	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Lard	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Cheese	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....

Name or description of Aritcle	Number of Samples taken.			No. of Samples of each Article regarded as adulterated, below standard, or otherwise not complying with prescribed requirements.		
	Formally	Informally	Total	Formally	Informally	Total
Sausage	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Potted Meat	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Biscuits	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Cocoa	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Creme-de-Ritz	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Fruit Preserves	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....
Ground Ginger	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Crystallised Ginger	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Aspirin Tablets	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....
Cream Cakes	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Condensed Milk	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Vinegar	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Brown Bread.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
TOTALS	144	43	187	21	5	26

ADULTERATED SAMPLES, Etc.

Number and Quarter	Name or Description of Article examined	Taken formally or informally	Nature of the Adulteration or Irregularity.	Observations.
A.10	Milk	Informal	13.33% deficient in fat	—
A.14	Milk	Formal	.66% ,, ,, ,,	—
A.15	Milk	Formal	17.66% ,, ,, ,,	Prosecuted—Fined £1
A.36	Milk	Formal	3.33% ,, ,, ,,	Cautioned
B.3	Milk	,,	12.00% ,, ,, ,,	Cautioned by Letter
B.15	Milk	,,	12.66% ,, ,, ,,	Do.
B.17	Milk	,,	6.66% ,, ,, ,,	Do.
B.23	Milk	,,	3.33% ,, ,, ,,	—
B.26	Milk	,,	6.66% ,, ,, ,,	—
C.4	Dried Apricots	Informal	Excess of sulphur dioxide—968 parts per million	—
C.10	Milk	Formal	3.00% deficient in fat	—
C.11	Milk	,,	3.66% deficient in fat	—
C.12	Dried Apricots	,,	Excess of sulphur dioxide—944 parts per million	Cautioned
C.17	Zinc Ointment	Informal	10.26% deficient in zinc oxide	—
C.18	Cream (tinned)	Informal	Misleading label (See C.37)	—
C.37	Cream (tinned)	Formal	Misleading label : described as Pure Devon Cream" contained 25.37% of fat. (Genuine Devonshire cream has a fat content of 50—60 per centum).	Information laid under Merchandise Marks Act, 1887, for a false trade description. Summons withdrawn.

ADULTERATED SAMPLES, Etc.—continued

Number and Quarter	Name or description of Article examined	Taken formally or informally	Nature of the Adulteration or irregularity	Observations
C.38	Chocolate Sandwich	Formal	Contained no cocoa or chocolate matter	Prosecuted—Fined 10s.
C.44	Milk	Formal	22.66% deficient in fat	Cautioned, deficiency due to new system of mechanical milking.
C.51	Milk (A.C.)	Formal	6.00% deficient in fat	
D.24	Milk	Formal	4.66% deficient in fat	Cautioned by Letter.
D.36	Milk	,,	8.66% ,, ,, ,,	Do.
D.38	Milk	,,	12.66% ,, ,, ,,	Do.
C.43	Milk	,,	3.33% ,, ,, ,,	
C.56	Milk	Informal	28.66% ,, ,, ,,	
D.57	Milk	Formal	32.33% ,, ,, ,,	Cautioned by the Clerk of the Council. Milk from the Cow was deficient. (See No. D.62)
D.62	Milk (A.C.)	Formal	26.66% ,, ,, ,,	

A.C.—Appeal to Cow Sample.

ACCREDITED MILK.

The following Table shows month by month the results of the bacteriological examinations of the milk of Accredited Producers.

1938.	*Number of Samples passed.*	*Failed.*
January	1	1
February	3	—
March	51	6
April	1	—
May	22	3
June	6	9
July	21	4
August	—	—
September	8	4
October	13	5
November	29	4
December	28	1

Accredited Producers, Year 1938.

Total number of applications	66
Number of licences issued	63
Total number of specimens for bacteriological examination	220
Registered Cowkeepers	443

BLIND.

The Society for the Blind Annual Report shows that good work is being done, and also work in connection with the Prevention of Blindness which is so important is progressing favourably.

Ages	M.	F.	Total
0—5	.....	.....	.....
5—16	2	1	3
16—21	1	1	2
21—50	10	5	15
50—70	30	23	53
over 70	20	32	52
	63	62	125
Last year's register	62	63	125

TAKEN OFF DURING YEAR :—

	M.	F.			
Deceased	4	4			
Left County	3	3			
Decertified	—	1	7	8	15
			55	55	110

ADDED DURING YEAR :—

New cases	5	7			
New cases transferred from other areas	3	—	8	7	15
Total			63	62	125

Prevention of Blindness.

Forty-four cases remain under observation, the Secretary visiting them periodically and ensuring necessary examination or treatment. It is pleasing to know that one registered blind person underwent a successful operation at Peterborough Hospital and has now been taken off the Register.

We again stress the need for discretion where sight is concerned and we cannot emphasise too strongly the dangers which may follow from buying glasses from door-to-door canvassers. We also urge workers in certain occupations to guard against accident by taking precautionary measures.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

CASES.				Vision unimpaired	Vision impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths	Total.
Year.	Notified	Treated. At Home	Treated. In Hospital					
1934	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1935	6	6	—	6	—	—	—	6
1936	3	2	1	3	—	—	—	3
1937	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
1938	11	8	3	10	—	—	1	11

MENTAL DEFICIENCY.

Particulars of Mental Defectives as on 1st January, 1938 :—
Number of Mental Defectives ascertained to be "subject to be dealt with" :—

	M.	F.	T.
In Institutions (exclude cases on Licence)—			
Under 16 years of age	4	.....	4
Aged 16 years and over	11	12	23
On Licence from Institution—			
Under 16 years of age	.....	.....	.....
Aged 16 years and over	1	2	3
Under Guardianship (exclude cases on Licence)—			
Under 16 years of age	1	4	5
Aged 16 years and over	.....	3	3
Under Statutory Supervision—	21	14	35
Mental Defectives in Receipt of Poor Relief—			
In Public Assistance Institutions and Municipal General Hospitals not approved under Sec. 37	5	5	10
Domiciliary	6	8	14
Reported to the Local Authority from any reliable source and recognised by them as mentally defective but as to whom no action under the Mental Deficiency Acts has been taken :—			

	M	F	T
Children between the ages of 14 and 16 years	.....	.....	.....
All other cases	.....	.....	.....
Number of instances in which Licence was granted in 1938 :—			
From Institutions	1	2	3
Number of instances in which cases on Licence have returned to Institutions or transferred to Guardianship during the year 1938—			
To Institutions	.....	.....	.....
Cases notified by Local Education Authorities during the year 1938—	6	3	9
Method of disposal :—			
Sent to Institutions (by Order)	2	.....	2
Placed under Guardianship (do.)	.....	1	1
Placed under Statutory Supervision	4	2	6

MENTAL TREATMENT.

PATIENTS FROM HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

1. Clinics.

No. of new patients attended during the year ended December 31st, 1938	63
Total Number of Clinic attendances	146

2. Mental Treatment Act, 1930.

(a) Voluntary patients	No. of Admissions	22
	No. of Discharges	20
(b) Temporary patients	No. of Admissions	1
	No. of Discharges	—

3. Lunacy Act, 1899.

No. of Admissions	28
No. of Discharges	3

TABLE I.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Estimated "Civil" Population.	Births Nett.		Nett Deaths. Belonging to the District			
				Under 1 year of Age.		At all Ages.	
		No.	Rate.	No.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	No.	Rate
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
Godmanchester	2025	43	21.2	1	23.2	31	15.3
Huntingdon	4658	54	11.5	3	55.5	53	11.3
Old Fletton	7721	117	15.1	4	34.1	69	8.9
Ramsey	5219	117	22.4	11	94.0	71	13.6
St. Ives	2620	44	16.8	—	—	27	10.3
St. Neots	4087	44	10.7	2	45.4	52	12.7
Totals	26330	419	15.9	21	50.1	303	11.5

RURAL DISTRICTS.

Huntingdon	6960	100	14.3	3	30.0	90	12.9
St. Ives	9749	120	12.3	7	58.3	116	11.8
St. Neots.	6447	76	11.7	—	—	80	12.4
Norman Cross	7074	149	21.0	9	60.4	101	14.2
Totals	39230	445	14.7	19	42.7	387	12.8

TOTALS FOR THE COUNTY.

Whole County	56560	864	15.2	40	46.2	690	12.1

TABLE II.

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year 1938.

URBAN DISTRICTS.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases Notified in each Locality							Number of cases Removed to Hospital from each District					
	At all Ages.	Godmanchester	Huntingdon	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives	St. Neots	Godmanchester	Huntingdon	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives	St. Neots
Diphtheria	15	—	1	14	—	—	—	—	1	14	—	—	—
Erysipelas	22	7	5	2	1	—	7	2	1	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	25	5	13	3	2	1	1	5	12	2	2	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	9	1	5	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	42	12	11	9	4	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	114	25	35	30	8	4	12	8	14	16	3	1	1

RURAL DISTRICTS.

Notifiable Diseases	Total cases Notified in each locality					Number of cases Removed to Hospital from each District			
	At all Ages.	Huntingdon	St. Ives	St. Neots	Norman Cross	Huntingdon	St. Ives	St. Neots	Norman Cross
Diphtheria	5	—	—	1	4	—	—	—	4
Erysipelas	14	1	1	6	6	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever.....	69	12	43	12	2	10	37	2	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	33	10	11	4	8	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—
TOTALS	125	25	55	24	21	11	37	3	6

TABLE IIA.

Diseases.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	20	19	2
Erysipelas	36	4	—
Scarlet Fever	94	73	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	11	2	2
Pneumonia	75	—	32
Enteric Fever	3	2	
TOTALS	239	100	36

TABLE III.
URBAN DISTRICTS.
Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1938.

Causes of Death.	Sex	Deaths in or belonging to whole Districts at subjoined ages.												Deaths in or belonging to Localities all ages.					
		All Ages	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Godmanchester.	Huntingdon.	Old Fletton	Ramsey	St. Ives.	St. Neots.
All Causes	M	147	10	3	—	3	4	4	5	9	21	38	50	15	19	38	39	13	23
	F	156	11	2	1	2	5	6	7	13	21	36	52	16	34	31	32	14	29
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
5 Diphtheria	M	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 Influenza	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	F	7	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	3	2	1	—
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
	F	4	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	7	6	1	2	4	1	4	5
14 Diabetes	M	25	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	2	4	5	10	4	12	3	1	2	3
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	—
		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—

15 Cerebral	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	1	2	1	—	1
Haemorrhage, etc.	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	2	1	2	—	2	—	1
16 Heart Disease	M	41	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	6	10	18	3	7	8	16	4	3
	F	29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	10	14	4	4	8	7	1	5
17 Aneurysm	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory	M	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	8	2	—	3	4	—	6
Diseases	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	—	—	2	3	1	3
19 Bronchitis	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	1	—	1	—	1
	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	1	2	—	—	1
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	10	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	2	2	2	—	2	2
	F	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
21 Other Respiratory	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
Diseases	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
24 Appendicitis	M	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liver, etc.	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
27 Other Digestive	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases	F	5	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	1	2	1
28 Acute and chronic	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	—	3	1	1	—
Nephritis	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	1
29 Peurperal Sepsis		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Other Puerperal		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Causes.....	F	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
31 Congenital Debility,	M	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	—	—
Premature Birth,	F	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	5	—	1
Malformation, etc.																			
32 Senility	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	—	4	1	—	—
	F	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	—	1	3	2	—	2
33 Suicide	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
34 Other Violence	M	4	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
	F	7	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	4	1	1	—	1
35 Other Defined	M	11	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	2	1	1	3	4	1	1
Diseases	F	17	—	1	—	—	1	2	1	4	5	1	2	3	2	1	4	3	4
36 Causes ill defined or	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	—	—	1
Unknown	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—

TABLE III.
RURAL DISTRICTS.
Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1938.

Causes of Death.	Sex	All Ages	Deaths in or belonging to whole Districts at subjoined ages. 0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Deaths in or belonging to Localities all ages: Huntingdon.	St. Ives.	St. Neots.	Norman Cross
All Causes	M	203	10	2	4	3	9	8	6	15	32	44	70	44	59	46	54
	F	184	9	1	1	5	4	3	6	9	30	31	85	46	57	34	47
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Diphtheria	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
	F	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
6 Influenza	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	1
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	6	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	2
	F	7	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	4
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	9	10	6	12	6	8
	F	30	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	4	7	5	11	5	11	5	9
14 Diabetes	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

15 Cerebral	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	1	2	1	3	3
Haemorrhage, etc.	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	8	6	3	2	1
16 Heart Disease	M	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7	14	20	12	10	9	12
	F	52	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	8	13	30	16	17	8	11
17 Aneurysm	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory	M	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	14	4	7	4	3
Diseases	F	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	10	4	6	2	2
19 Bronchitis	M	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	3	—	1	5	2
	F	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	2	—
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	11	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	2	3	5	1	2	3
	F	7	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3	1	2	1	3
21 Other Respiratory	M	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—
Diseases	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24 Appendicitis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Liver, etc.	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
27 Other Digestive	M	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Diseases	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1
28 Acute and chronic	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	3
Nephritis	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	—	2	—	4
29 Peurperal Sepsis	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Other Puerperal Diseases	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31 Congenital Debility, Premature Birth,	M	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
Malformation, etc.	F	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	1
32 Senility	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	1	3	4	1
	F	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	3	5	3	3
33 Suicide	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	1
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34 Other Violence	M	24	—	—	—	2	8	5	1	2	2	3	1	3	14	3	4
	F	5	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	2	2	—
35 Other Defined	M	19	2	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	3	4	6	6	4	2	7
Diseases	F	14	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	4	5	—	1	4	1	3	5
36 Causes ill defined or	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—

TABLE III.
WHOLE COUNTY.
Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year 1938.

Causes of Death.	Sex	All Ages	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—
All Causes	M	350	20	5	4	6	13	12	11	24	53	82	120
	F	340	20	3	2	7	9	9	13	22	51	67	137
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Measles	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 Scarlet Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Whooping Cough	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 Diphtheria	M	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 Influenza	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	2
	F	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
7 Encephalitis Lethargica	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 Cerebro Spinal Fever	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	M	8	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	—	—
	F	14	—	—	—		3	2	3	2	2	—	1
10 Other Tuberculous Diseases	M	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F	5	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	1	—	1
11 Syphilis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 General Paralysis of the Insane Tabes Dorsalis	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
13 Cancer, Malignant Disease	M	49	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	9	16	16
	F	55	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	6	11	10	21
14 Diabetes	M	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	2
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
15 Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	8	3
	F	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	3	10

16 Heart Disease	M	84	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	5	13	24	38
	F	81	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	12	23	44
17 Aneurysm	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18 Other Circulatory	M	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	6	22
Diseases	F	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	17
19 Bronchitis	M	12	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4
	F	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
20 Pneumonia (all forms)	M	21	3	3	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	4	6
	F	11	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	3
21 Other Respiratory	M	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1
Diseases	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
22 Peptic Ulcer	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
23 Diarrhoea, etc.	M	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
24 Appendicitis	M	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
25 Cirrhosis of Liver	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26 Other Diseases of	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Liver, etc.	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
27 Other Digestive	M	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diseases	F	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	4	1
28 Acute and Chronic	M	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	3
Nephritis	F	10	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	4	3	1
29 Puerperal Sepsis	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30 Other Puerperal													
Diseases	F	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
31 Congenital Debility,													
Premature Birth,	M	13	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malformation, etc.	F	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32 Senility	M	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	20
33 Suicide	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1
	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
34 Other Violence	M	28	1	—	—	2	9	5	2	2	3	3	1
	F	12	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	4	3
35 Other Defined	M	30	3	1	1	—	1	1	1	1	6	7	8
Diseases	F	31	—	2	—	2	1	2	2	8	10	1	3
36 Causes ill defined or	M	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Unknown	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2

TABLE IV.

INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1938

NETT DEATHS FROM STATED CAUSES UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

DISTRICTS.	All Causes	Small-pox	Chicken-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria and Croup	Whooping Cough	Diarrhoea	Enteritis	Tuberculous Mengingitis	Abdominal Tuberculosis	Other Tuberculous Diseases	Congenital Malformation	Premature Birth	Atrophy Debility and Marasmus	Atelectasis	Injury at Birth	Erysipelas	Syphilis	Rickets	Meningitis (not tuberculous)	Convulsions	Violence	Laryngitis	Bronchitis	Pneumonia, all forms	Suffocation, Overlaying	Inanition	Spina Bifida	Other Causes.
Godmanchester	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Huntingdon Urban	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Old Fletton	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ramsey	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Ives Urban	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
St. Neots	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, Urban Districts Registrar General's Return	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Huntingdon Rural	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
St. Ives Rural	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Neots Rural	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norman Cross	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total, Rural Districts Registrar General's Return	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whole County	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—

Net Births in the year — Legitimate 813
— Illegitimate 51
— Still-births 43

Nett Deaths in the year — Legitimate 37
— Illegitimate 3

In several cases no accurate reports were available and the Registrar General'sReturn is quoted in the totals

HOUSING.

HOUSING ACTS, 1925—36.—Provisions corresponding to the following sections in the Housing Act, 1936.

Return of Houses dealt with during 1938.

Local Sanitary Authority.	Section 11 Demolition of Insanitary Houses Orders	Section 11 Houses Demolished	Section 51 Houses Reconditioned	Section 25 Clearence Areas Orders	Section 25 Houses affected	Houses Constructed	Population 1938	Population 1911
Huntingdon Borough	—	—	—	—	—	8	4658	4003
Godmanchester Borough	—	—	1	—	—	—	2025	2133
St. Ives Borough	—	—	—	—	—	57	2620	3015
St. Neots Urban	—	—	6	—	—	64	4087	4171
Ramsey Urban	5	—	6	—	—	56	5219	5328
Old Fletton Urban	5	—	—	—	—	—	7721	5005
Huntingdon Rural	1	—	2	—	—	2	6960	7801
St. Ives Rural	1	—	—	8	22	22	9749	9701
St. Neots Rural	1	—	5	—	—	22	6447	7227
Norman Cross Rural	3	2	—	—	—	—	7074	7199

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

L.G.B. Genl. Order 13th Dec. 1910, Art. XX., 15	No. of inspections	4582
	Notices served	721
Complaints	No. received	286
Premises, Houses, etc.	No inspected	5213
	Nuisances abated	824
Pool, Ditch, Gutter and Watercourse	No. inspected	81
	Nuisances abated	69
Animals improperly kept	Nuisances abated	2
Privy, Urinal, Cesspool and Ashpit	No. inspected	433
	Nuisances abated	85
Drains, Drain-traps, etc.	No. inspected	479
	Nuisances abated	186
Offensive Accumulations	No. inspected	14
	Nuisances abated	9
Other Sanitary Conditions	No. inspected	42
	Nuisances abated	34
Lodging Houses	No. inspections	2
Slaughter Houses	No of inspections	444
Dairymen, Cowkeepers (milksellers)	No. inspections of premises	642
Dairymen, Cowkeepers (Butter & Chees Makers)	No. inspections of premises	463
Infectious Diseases	No. of inspection	145
Pail and Earth Closets	New provided	44
Water Closets	New provided	150
Ashbins	New provided	120
Food, Seizures of Unwholesome	No. of	10 lb. tinned goods. 2½cwt. meat.
Workshops	Total Number on Register (including Bakehouse)	225
Houses or part thereof overcrowded	....	24
	Nuisances abated	12

Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930.

Summary of Notifications during the period from the 1st January, 1938, to 31st December, 1938. in the County of Huntingdon

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pumonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
10	3	1	2	3	—	1	2	—
15	2	3	—	1	2	3	—	1
20	2	2	—	1	2	2	—	2
25	3	4	3	2	2	3	1	—
35	3	3	2	1	2	2	—	—
45	3	2	—	—	—	2	—	1
55	3	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
	19	19	9	10	8	14	3	5

New Cases :

Total Pulmonary 38 Non-Pulmonary 19

Deaths :

Pulmonary 22 Non-Pulmonary 8

During the year there were thirty deaths from Tuberculosis as against thirty-two in 1937. If a case is examined at the clinic and X-Rayed, a written report is always sent to the Doctor who is attending the case.

TABLE I.

Tuberculosis Scheme of the Hunts. County Council, 1938.

(A) Return showing the work of the Dispensary (or Dispensaries).

Diagnosis.	Pulmonary.				Non-Pulmonary				Total.				Grand Total
	Adults		Children		Adults		Children		Adults		Children		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
A. — New Cases examined during the year (excluding contacts) :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	13	12	2	1	4	2	4	2	17	14	6	3	40
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	8	4	2	21
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	9	1	4	20
B.—Contacts examined during the year :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	2
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	5
(c) Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	33	31	73
C. — Cases written off the Dispensary Register as													
(a) Recovered	6	3	6	5	3	1	6	2	9	4	12	7	32
(b) Non-tuberculous (including any such cases previously diagnosed and entered on the Dispensary Register as tuberculous)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	16	38	39	106
D. — Number of Cases on Dispensary Register on December 31st :—													
(a) Definitely tuberculous	11	57	9	10	28	23	17	12	99	80	26	22	227
(b) Diagnosis not completed	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	4	9	6	27

1. Number of cases on Dispensary Register on January 1st, 1933	261	2. Number of cases transferred from other areas and cases returned after discharge under Head 3 in previous years	5
3. Number of cases transferred to other areas and cases not desiring further assistance under the scheme and cases "lost sight of"	14	4. Cases written off during the year as dead (all causes)	21
5. Number of attendances at the Dispensary (including Contacts)	255	6. Number of Insured Persons under Domicilary Treatment on the 31st December	71
7. Number of consultations with medical practitioners :—		8. Number of visits by Tuberculosis Officers to Homes (including personal consultations)	41
(a) Personal	15	10. Number of	
(b) Other.....	19	(a) Specimens of sputum, etc., examined	63
9. Number of visits by Nurses or Health Visitors to Homes for Dispensary purposes	529	(b) X-ray examination made in connection with Dispensary work	126
11. Number of "Recovered" cases restored to Dispensary Register, and included in A (a) and B (b) above	2	12. Number of "T.B. plus" cases on Dispensary Register on 31st Dec.	55

(B) Number of Dispensaries for the treatment of Tuberculosis (excluding centres used only for special forms of treatment).

Provided by the { Council ..... 2 Provided by Voluntary Bodies ..... —
{ Joint Committee

(C) Return showing the extent of Residential Treatment and Observation during the year in Institutions (other than Poor Law Institutions) approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

		In Institutions on Jan. 1 (1)	Admitted during the year. (2)	Discharged during the year. (3)	Died in the Institutions. (4)	In Institutions on Dec. 31. (5)
Number of doubtfully tuberculous cases admitted to observation	Adult males	—	1	—	—	1
	Adult females	1	1	2	—	—
	Children	5	10	14	—	1
	TOTAL	6	12	16	—	2
Number of patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis	Adult males	19	9	12	3	13
	Adult females	6	10	4	4	8
	Children	—	2	1	—	1
	TOTAL	25	21	17	7	22
Number of patients suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis	Adult males	1	2	1	—	2
	Adult females	—	2	—	2	—
	Children	5	6	9	—	2
	TOTAL	6	10	10	2	4
GRAND TOTAL		37	43	43	9	28

(D) Return showing the extent of Residential Treatment provided during the year in Poor Law Institutions for persons chargeable to the Council.

		In Institutions on Jan. 1	Admitted during the year.	Discharged during the year	Died in the Institutions.	In Institutions on Dec. 31.
Number of patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis admitted for treatment	Adult males	—	1	1	—	—
	Adult females	—	1	1	—	—
	Children	—	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL	—	2	2	—	—
Number of patients suffering from non-pulmonary tuberculosis admitted for treatment	Adult males	—	—	—	—	—
	Adult females	—	—	—	—	—
	Children	—	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL		—	2	2	—	—

(E) Return showing the results of observation of doubtfully tuberculous cases discharged during the year from Institutions approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

Diagnosis on discharge from observation.	FOR PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.						FOR NON-PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.						TOTALS		
	Stay under 4 weeks.			Stay over 4 weeks.			Stay under 4 weeks.			Stay over 4 weeks.					
	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch
Tuberculous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-tuberculous	—	—	—	—	1	11	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	2	13
Doubtful	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
TOTALS	—	—	—	—	1	11	—	11	—	—	—	3	—	3	14

County Council of Hunts. TABLE III

(F) Return showing the immediate results of treatment of definitely tuberculous patients discharged during the year from Institutions approved for the treatment of Tuberculosis.

	Classification on admission to the Institution	Condition at time of discharge	Duration of Residential Treatment in the Institution: Under 3 months			3—6 months.			6—12 months.			More than 12 months.			Totals.			Grand Total
			M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	M	F	Ch	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Class T.B. minus	Quiescent	—	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	2	1	6
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Died in Institution	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Class T.B plus Group 1	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Class T.B. plus Group 2	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Not quiescent	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	—	—	6	1	—	7
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Class T.B. plus Group 3	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3
		Died in Institutions	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3	3	—	6
	Totals (pulmonary		1	3	1	5	1	—	5	2	—	4	2	—	15	8	1	24
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Bones and Joints	Quiescent	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	4	5
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Abdominal	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3	3
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Other Organs	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
	Peripheral Glands	Quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1
		Not quiescent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		Died in Institution	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Totals (non pulmonary)		1	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	1	2	8	11